

Prescription, Referral and Recommendation Requirements

Summary of Prescriptions, Referrals & Recommendations for Assessments⁽¹⁾

| | Prescription | Referral | Recommendation |
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| Assessments conducted by a Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist | ✓ (By Physician or Podiatrist) | | |
| Assessments conducted by a Speech Language Pathologist, Audiologist, or Audiometrist | | ✓ (By Physician or Dentist) | |
| Assessments conducted by a Psychologist, Counselor (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Credentialed School Counselor), or Social Worker | | | ✓ (By Physician, Credentialed School Nurse, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Psychologist, or Licensed Educational Psychologist) |
| Assessments conducted by a Physician, Credentialed School Nurse, or Optometrist | | | ✓ (By Physician or Credentialed School Nurse) |

Note: (1) A parent, teacher or registered credentialed school nurse may request an assessment for a student in substitution of a prescription, referral or recommendation by an appropriate health services practitioner.

Summary of Prescriptions, Referrals & Recommendations for Treatment

| | Prescription | Referral | Recommendation |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Treatment Services | ✓ (By Physician or Podiatrist) | | |
| Speech Therapy and Audiology Treatment Services | | ✓ (See Note 1) | |
| Psychology and Counseling Treatment Services | | | ✓ (By Physician, Credentialed School Nurse, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Psychologist, or Licensed Educational Psychologist) |

Note: (1) A physician-based standards protocol may be developed and used to document medical necessity of speech and audiology treatment services to meet California State requirements that a written referral be provided by a physician or dentist. The protocol does not fulfill federal requirements, as defined in 42 CFR 440.140(c), which requires a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the practitioner's scope of practice (i.e., licensed speech-language pathologist or licensed audiologist) to refer the student for speech and audiology treatment services. LEAs must meet both State and federal documentation requirements.